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COMMISSIONER

Programs are reminded that if the Personal-Social portion of the Battelle is started during the first face-to-face visit with the family that this activity must be billed as an assessment and the *Date of Testing* and *EIIS Date Tool First Used* should be this date. Programs have two weeks to complete the Battelle from this date. Additionally, programs should bill assessment time for the administration of other formal or informal assessment tools used in the eligibility determination process.

EI programs have the option to provide an Intake Visit or not at the first face-to-face visit with the family. A program is not required to bill Intake Visit at the initial face to face if they have gathered pre-assessment information from the family over the phone, and provided written notice of the evaluation/assessment activity.

DPH will allow a maximum billing of 2.00 hours of Intake Visit per child referral per program to occur prior to assessment activities. The Department will not be re-instituting the previous intake/screening rate at this time.

Billing Requirements:

Service: I (Intake home visit) (DPH code only)

CMS Service Code: H2015 (service code for MassHealth and commercial insurers)

Maximum hours: 2.00 per referral per program

Rate: \$77.12 (same rate as home visit)

If two staff are participating in the initial face-to-face visit with the family to gather and share information the program may bill a total of two hours for the visit, with each staff person billing a portion of those two hours which when totaled do not exceed 2.0 hours. Two staff of the same discipline may participate in the Intake Visit and the visit for both staff must occur on the same day.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information please feel free to contact me at 617-624-5975 or patti.fougere@state.ma.us.